



SORRT

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DATES

OCTOBER 22, 2003

9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

SORRT Seminar at
Pooks Hill Marriott, Bethesda

OCTOBER 28, 2003

9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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TO REGISTER:

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NOVEMBER 15, 2003

America Recycles Day

FEBRUARY 1, 2004

Annual recycling reports due for large
businesses (250 or more employees)

MARCH 1, 2004

Annual recycling reports due
for medium (100–249 employees)
and selected small (less than 100
employees) businesses

APRIL 22, 2004

Earth Day

MAY 17–21, 2004

Montgomery County Recycling
Awareness Week (events TBA)



Recycling 101: Take a Lesson from the Kids

If you want to know what items can be recycled and why it's important to recycle, just ask any of the youngsters in a Montgomery County school and they'll tell you! Through the County's educational efforts at school functions, fairs, and during Recycling



Awareness Week, students learn early in their lives about the process and value of recycling and it becomes part of their daily routine. They know that recycling paper and cardboard can conserve trees, and that materials such as plastic bottles can be

recycled to make shoes, playground equipment, and even clothing. To them, recycling equates with fun, not work, and they feel good about doing their part and helping to conserve the environment.

As adults we are always trying to set a good example for the children, but now here's a chance for businesses to learn from the kids and buy into the recycling process.

So the next time you're about to drop that crumpled paper into the trash can, why not follow the lead of the next generation and take an extra moment to recycle. After all, as the students will remind us, it's the smart thing to do, and it's the law.

To get more information on how you can set up a recycling program at your workplace, contact Alan Pultyniewicz at 240-777-6400.



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WHY REDUCE, REUSE AND RECYCLE?

Reducing waste, reusing materials and products, and recycling are some of the most powerful ways businesses, individuals, and households can protect the environment. Here's some reasons why you should get your business involved:

- **It's the law:** All business in Montgomery County are required to have recycling programs under County Executive Regulation 109-92, or risk fines for non-compliance.
- **It saves natural resources:** Reusing discarded products and using recycled materials to make new products reduces the use of virgin materials, which often involves harvesting trees and mining the earth.
- **It helps prevent environmental problems:** Hazards from waste disposal can cause contamination of ground water and other parts of the environment.
- **Recycling saves energy:** Enormous amounts of energy are required to make products and materials worldwide. Energy is saved by using less materials when at all possible, or by reusing products in their current form.
- **It can save money:** Businesses can save money by reusing paper and products that reduce waste and by practicing smart buying recycled habits. Since businesses are charged for waste collection based on how much they produce, minimizing the amount of trash can save money in the long-term.

Business
Recycling.
It's the Law.



ENFORCEMENT CORNER

Montgomery County Executive Regulation 109-92 requires all businesses to recycle. In addition, property owners are required to provide recycling collection services and storage space for recyclable materials to their tenants.

SORRT Program staff are available to help your business or organization comply with the County's recycling requirements. Failure to recycle or provide recycling collection services will result in a written warning, ticket, and/or fine.

Here is a list of past and current enforcement actions as of September 1, 2003:

February 2003. In December 2002, **Site Realty Group**, 9320 Annapolis Road, Lanham, was issued a Notice of Violation (NOV) for not providing recycling collection services to their tenants in the Route 124 Plaza Shopping Center. After failing to reach compliance by the date set by Code Enforcement, Site Realty Group was issued a citation. In early March 2003, Site Realty Group began a recycling program for their tenants and are in compliance.

June 2003. **Schmell & Azman Deli & Bakery**, 1351 Lamburton Drive, Silver Spring was issued an NOV for having insufficient container space to prevent overflow of solid waste and for not recycling the required materials. They have since come into compliance.

August 2003. **Dollar Place**, 11160 Veirs Mill Road, was issued an NOV for not recycling the required materials. They have since come into compliance.

Ross Dress for Less, 13855 Outlet Drive, was issued an NOV for not recycling the required materials. They have since come into compliance.

RECYCLING SPOTLIGHT

Working Within the System

The **U.S. Pharmacopeia (USP)** is a non-profit organization that promotes public health and benefits practitioners and patients by disseminating authoritative standards and information developed by its volunteers for medicines,



Drew Lutz (left) and Lynn Lang (right) were instrumental in setting up USP's recycling program.

other healthcare technologies, and related practices used to maintain and improve health and promote the delivery of optimal healthcare. Located in Rockville, Maryland, USP had a recycling program in place for many years, but recently decided to see what areas of the plan could be improved. The revamping was kicked off when Lynn Lang, the paralegal in USP's Office of the General Counsel, was asked to attend a SORRT Business Recycling Seminar in 2002, where she learned about the legal requirements for workplace recycling. To address and encourage compliance by staff, and working closely with USP's Administrative Services department, Lynn evaluated USP's then-current procedures and identified recycling barriers and areas for improvement. A review of vendor contracts identified additional recyclables that USP generated and the agreements were adjusted to ensure that a greater percentage of USP's waste would be headed to a recycling facility. Drew Lutz, Director of USP's Administrative Services, supplied his custodial staff with a supply of recycling labels obtained from the County who were then able to ensure that each desk in USP's 4-building headquarters had an appropriately labeled recycling bin for easy and convenient use. An on-site seminar presented by the SORRT Program for USP employees helped give the internal program exposure and earned them recognition. USP will continue to look for ways to improve, but the company has thus far made good progress. In retrospect, Lynn says just a few simple adjustments seems to have revved up the program and encourages other businesses to follow suit.



This onsite training session given at USP by DSWs staff member, Jacquie Dennis, provides a great way to get the word out about recycling.

Steel Cans, White Ledger Paper, Office Paper, and Plastics Prices Show Large Increases from 2002 to 2003

Autumn 2003



Recycled Commodity Market Prices

Average Recycled Commodity prices in US dollars for loose materials, unless indicated.

New York Market*

August 9, 2002 and August 8, 2003.

	August 9, 2002	August 8, 2003
Paper (\$/ton)		
**Newsprint #6	10	7
Magazines	-9	0
Corrugated containers	20	15
*Sorted office paper	20	35
*Sorted white ledger	50	80
***Computer printout	55	55
Metals (\$/ton)		
Steel cans	5	25
White goods	20	27
Glass (\$/ton)		
Flint (clear)	21	21
Amber (brown)	9	9
Plastics (\$/ton)		
PET#1	140	240
Natural HDPE#2	260	340
Colored HDPE#2	180	280
***Combination HDPE	80	80
Metals (\$/ton)		
Aluminum cans	600	620

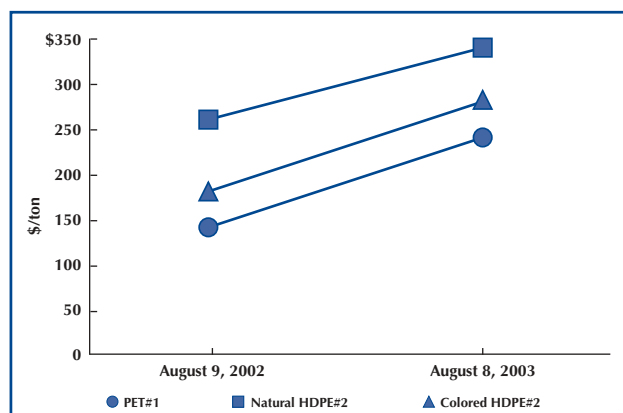
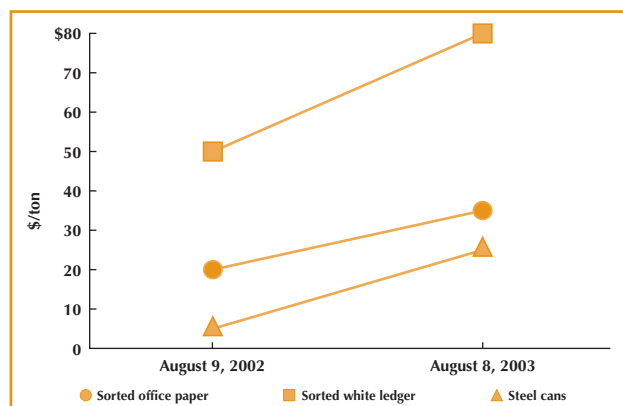
*New York prices were selected because they represent a large Mid-Atlantic market

**Items indicated baled & picked up

***as of 2/08/02

New York Recovered Paper & Metal Prices

Baled Material Picked Up at Seller's Dock



For the third quarter of 2003, steel cans, sorted white ledger and office paper have increased 400%, 75%, and 60%, respectively, as compared to the same period in 2002. White goods showed increases of 35%. Prices increased 71% for PET#1, and the value of natural and colored HDPE#2 rose by 30% and 55%, respectively.

Market prices for aluminum cans and glass bottles and jars have remained stable. Newsprint prices fell from \$10 to \$7 per bale, yielding a loss of 30%. Corrugated cardboard container prices have also dropped 25% during this timeframe.



To join SORRT or learn more about business recycling,
call Alan Pultyniewicz, Program Manager for Montgomery County's SORRT Program.

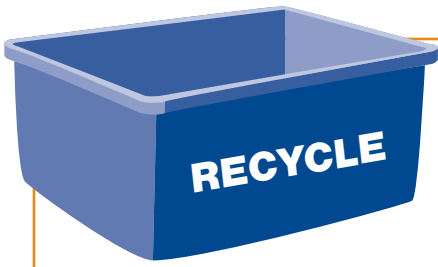
240-777-6400; 240-777-6442 (TTY);

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Division of Solid Waste Services
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There's always time for recycling . . .

Recycling Checklist

Commercial properties and businesses **MUST** recycle the following materials if these products are generated:



White office paper



Glass bottles and jars



Plastic food and
beverage containers



Newspapers
(including inserts)



Aluminum and bi-metal
food and beverage cans



Yard trim (grass,
leaves, and brush)



Corrugated cardboard

Businesses are encouraged to voluntarily recycle the following materials:

- Mixed paper
- Scrap metal
- Toner cartridges
- Pallets
- Computers

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Recycling for Multi-Family Properties
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